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## Fontana traffic signal to get safety upgrade

***SAN BERNARDINO - The Board of Supervisors unanimously approved a contract amendment Tuesday to enhance safety at a traffic signal scheduled to be installed at the intersection of Jurupa and Banana avenues.***

The amendment allows the City of Fontana to make improvements to the signal and intersection that were not included in the original agreement with the County, which was approved on Aug. 13.

The additional improvements include the reconstruction of two, 50-foot curbs with wheelchair ramps, construction of two storm drainage catch basins, and a battery backup system.

The City also will install video detection devices on the signal polls that trigger the light when motorists and cyclists approach. The City originally planned to use loop detection. However, loop detectors take longer to repair and also cost more to fix because they lie under the roadway.

In addition, the signal will have an emergency preemption device. This will allow emergency vehicle drivers to trigger a green light from afar, allowing them to pass safely through the intersection.

“The extra features requested by the City of Fontana are well worth the cost because they will improve public safety,” Second District Supervisor Paul Biane said. “The addition of a battery backup, for example, will ensure motorists move safely through the intersection even after a power outage.”

The intersection lies within the boundaries of the County and the City of Fontana, so both entities are evenly sharing the cost. The amendment adds \$77,444 to the County’s share of the project, which will cost \$404, 888.